

Interview with Doug Parrett

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Parrett: I grew up in the fifties and sixties, on a farm. I think we had what we would classify, a typical family farm in the fifties. We farmed about 600 acres, only owning about half of that. We had twenty purebred Hampshire sows, we had about fifty beef cattle, and my dad had quarter horses. My dad had a passion for horses. He always had black percheron draft horses when he was growing up. Now we didn't use draft horses at all while we were growing up, and he switched to quarter horses, and he would maintain four or five quarter horse mares, and raising their foals and then selling them to people who wanted to show or just have horses to ride for pleasure, on their farm. But he loved his horses. There's no doubt in our family structure, the horses were the highest priority. Well, probably my mother was the highest priority, then the horses and then the kids, and we grew up that way.